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REPORT

Date April 26, 1940.

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Bubbling Well

19th. September

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At 9a.m. 15.9.39 the undersigned interviewed Mr. Lu Chi Chen at his home and learned that he had made enquiries among the supporters of both the National Government and the Reformed Government. He was given to understand by the former that he was in good standing and his removal from office was not contemplated. From the latter, through Mr. Fu Shi Yueh, he learned that none of the various factions desired him to leave Shanghai or had entertained any suggestion of assassinating him; however, the actions of certain pro-Wang Ching Wei groups who were described as "rascals", could not be guaranteed as their positions were held mostly by actions showing their loyalty to the movement.

It is worth noting that whilst Mr. Lu Chi Chen and Mr. Fu Shi Yueh are politically opposed, they are good friends in private life.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

Crime Register No. 2252/39.

" B " Division:
B'Well Police Station.
13th. September, 1939.

Diary Number 1.	(Sheet No. 1.)	Nature of Offence:—	13.
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day.	

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	3rd. China University, 1000 Bubbling Well Road.
Time and date of offence.	4 p.m. 12/1/39.
" " reported.	5.00 p.m. 12/1/39.
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	Mr. Liu Chai Chai (Liu Chai), 1699/3 Bubbling Well Road.
Number of criminals with full individual description	Not known.



Arrests	14/2/39.
Classification of property stolen.	Value \$
Classification of property recovered.	Value \$
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered. (a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.	---
Full Details of Method used in Committing offence. In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described. (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises. (f) Means used (tools etc.) (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc. (h) Mode of transport and description. (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)	(e) (1) Letter warning recipient to leave Shanghai immediately. (2) Previous letter from blood & iron corps accusing him of being a traitor.

CRIME DIARY NO. 1. (SHEET NO. 2)

- (j) What staff employed on premises?
- (k) Are they all "old" servants?
- (l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long?
- (m) What was their "characters"?
- (n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason?
- (o) Are old servants suspected?
- (p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

Enquiries by D.S. Ware, C.D.S. 142, and C.D.C. 338.

At 8.30p.m. 13/9/39 Mr. Lu Chi Chen (陸紀辰)
Chief Secretary and Dean of the Great China University,
Lane 1081/1081 Bubbling Well Road, brought to Bubbling
Well Station two threatening letters:-

(a) A letter from the Iron and Blood Corps stating
"I am the complainant as a traitor to China he
has been found out by the police or he would be "found"
dead. The letter was received by the complainant on
13/9/39 and was handed to the police until
13/9/39. The letter was not legible.

(b) A letter on paper bearing the following
under number:- (1) Leave Shanghai immediately.
(2) The letter on outline with the top one
crossed out. (3) Five small circles. In the
bottom left corner the association for clearing up
Jail No. 411; signed and chopped "Wong Lih."
This letter was posted in the Bubbling Well
Postal District on 12/9/39 and received by the
complainant at 4p.m. 13/9/39.

The complainant cannot identify the writing in
either letter. He has political associations, being
a former member of the Shanghai Municipality Bureau
of Education, and being the dean of the Great China
University (Shanghai Branch) which has its parent
body in Kweichow, Kweichow.

The daily movements of the complainant coincide
approximately with general office hours, but he
travels on foot from his home at Lane 1699/3 B'Well
Road to Avenue Haig (St. George's) where he boards

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

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Time at which
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and concluded each day

Places
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course of
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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

a Route No. 1 car; and then on foot from Seymour Road to the main city, which is on Bubbling Well Road opposite Garfield Road. Until 18/9/39 when students will be enrolled, he will not travel strictly according to the above.

Due to recent outrages against principals etc of schools and colleges, the Dep. Det. i/c., Ch.Insp. i/c. and D.D.O. "B", were informed. For the time being a guard of two C.D.C.s have been placed in the vicinity of the complainant's home, and one C.D.C. will accompany him while he is travelling.

Sen. Det. i/c.

D.D.O. "B" Div.

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With reference to Diary No. 1, Mr. Lu Chi Chen (魯繼曾) furnished to the undersigned certain information which in stated must be regarded as strictly confidential.

Concerning the establishment of the Great China University, Mr. Lu Chi Chen stated that it was founded in 1914 by three educators from Amoy University named Mr. Ou Yuan Hwai (歐元懷), Mr. Wang Chi Wei (王祉偉) and Mr. Fu Shi Yueh (傅式說) who is also known as Tsoo Ying (築隱). The first two completed their studies in America and the last in Japan.

Until the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities in August 1937, the university was situated at the intersection of Chongshan and Great Western Roads. The Principal was Mr. Wang Chi Chan (王伯羣). The administrator was one of the secretaries and also a member of the Shanghai Municipality Bureau of Education. After the outbreak the university moved into the interior. Mr. Ou Yuan Hwai, Mr. Wang Chi Wei and Mr. Lu Chi Chen went with it, but Mr. Fu Shi Yueh stayed in Shanghai.

The university was re-established in Kweiyang, Kweichow Province, with Mr. Ou Yuan Hwai as Principal. Mr. Wang Chi Wei proceeded to Chungking as a member of the Nationalist Government's Legislative Yuan.

At the same time, Mr. Fu Shi Yueh established a

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branch of the university on Teku Road and about September 1938 moved it to its present site at Lane 1021/1051 Bubbling Well Road.

Mr. Lu Chi Chen proceeded to Kweiyang during August 1937 and returned to Shanghai during April 1938 after consulting the faculty of the university concerning the way in which the Shanghai Branch should be conducted. Due to his fears that the branch might lose its patriotic spirit, Mr. Lu Chi Chen went to Kweiyang in August 1938 and returned in June 1939 with written authority to take over the positions of Chief Secretary and Dean; this so that the Nationalist character of the branch might not be impaired.

Concerning Mr. Fu Shi Yueh, he was known to be sympathetic to Japan and a supporter of Mr. Wang Ching Wei. He slowly reduced his activities in the university and recently took an active part in the local meeting of Kuo-Ming-tang officials who adhere to the policy of Mr. Wang Ching Wei. According to the complainant, Mr. Fu Shi Yueh is of such importance that his name is not mentioned in connection with the new party.

Considering that the university is pro-Nationalist, it is possible that the forceful elimination of the complainant would cause the greater part of

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faculty and student opinion to move in favour of Mr.
Mr. Shi Yuen should he find it opportune to declare his
stand.


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THREATENING LETTER

Crime Branch
Headquarters Staff
File No.

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File No. 2252/39.

Bubbling Well Station 13th. September, 1939.

Name of Recipient Mr. Lu Chi Chen (魯繼昌).

Address Lane 1699/3 Bubbling Well Road.

Occupation Secretary & Dean.

With whom employed Great China University.

Time and date letter received by recipient June 13, 1939.

Time and date letter handed to police Sept. 13, 1939.

Person suspected

Reason for suspicion

Give particulars of previous anonymous or threatening letter, if any, received by recipient


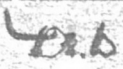
Is recipient interested in any Political Party, Society or Union Please see diary.

Has recipient recently had business, social or domestic differences

Reading of Post Office marks on envelope Not legible.

Action taken Guard posted.

Detectives enquiring A.S. Warr, G.D.S. 142 and G.D.C. 338.

SENIOR DET. I/C	OFFICER IN CHARGE	D. O. & D. D. O.	D. C. (CRIME)
			

Translation

To my little boy Chi Chen,

You frequently visited Shanghai and Kweiyang. We have made investigation and know what you have done. You, being a chief-secretary and a dean of an university, have attempted to be a traitor, enticed students with money to join your party, held up the management of the university, kept in touch the bogus organisation and spoiled the war-resistance. You were formerly the officer i/c of the Education Bureau of Shanghai, and our Government has not treat you badly. Why have you become crazy and changed your mind? You have behaved so bad that we are very angry with you. You had better leave Shanghai immediately and return to Kweiyang, and you will then still be a professor of an university, otherwise your headbody would lie across a street. Don't blame us for not having advised you before hand.

(Sd.) Iron & Blood Traitors-
Assassination Corp.

On the envelope:

Mr. Lu Chi Chen,
15 Yu Kch Tsung,
Yu Yuen Road.

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THREATENING LETTER

Crime Branch
Headquarters Staff
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File No. 2252/39.

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Occupation Secretary & Dean.

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Time and date letter handed to police 5.3 p.m. 13/9/39.

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SENIOR DET. I/C.

OFFICER IN CHARGE

D. O. & D. D. O.

D. C. (CRIME)

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Translation

The 2nd. letter:

- (1) Leave Shanghai immediately.
- (2) Two flags in outline with the top one crossed out.
- (3) Five small circles.

(Sd. & chopped) ~~Yang Jih.~~
Association for clearing up relations
No. 421.

On the envelope:-

Mr. Lu Chi Chen,
The Great China University,
Bubbling Well Road.

From New (4), Local.

Post marks:-

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